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Newsletter – Spring Term 2019

Introduction

The spring term has once again been packed with different activities which I am pleased to report about in this letter. A particular highlight of the term was our fantastic production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. Our sports teams have once again been active in a wide range of competitions, we are delighted that our cricket team won the Shrewsbury and Central District Indoor Cricket competition for the second year running. It was also wonderful to have our choir performing again at 'Young Voices' in Birmingham. As ever, it has been great to hear fantastic feedback about the quality of the children's behaviour particularly when working with visitors, or on the many school visits that have taken place this term. I hope this letter gives a flavour of school life over the last few months.

Curriculum Development – A brief summary

Maths – for many years, in maths, we have made use of 'key objectives'. These are the core skills that we feel children need in each year group. We have spent time reviewing these in the light of the changes made to the curriculum and have made some adjustments. We have also redesigned the very short assessment sheets we use at the end of a half term to check children's understanding of these key areas.

English – this term's work has included reviewing the codes we use when providing feedback to children about their work and how to improve. We have also spent time reviewing our 'success criteria'. 'Success criteria' are one of the main ways in which we share the specific areas we would like the children to focus upon in their piece of writing.

Computing – staff have undergone training in this area with an external trainer leading a session on a resource we use called 'Purple Mash'.

Behaviour Policy – we have reviewed and updated our Behaviour Policy. The updated policy can be found on our school website. Following a discussion with our governing body, we felt that it is perhaps worth noting that many of the actions described in the policy are carried out in a very discreet way. For that reason children, not directly involved, are often unaware of the actions taken. In a practical sense, this often means that more is happening to ensure that standards of behaviour remain very high than may be visible to other children and their parents.

Anti-Bullying Policy – we have reviewed and updated our Anti-Bullying Policy. The updated policy can be found on our school website. As described in the policy, if you have any concerns about this area, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher or myself as headteacher.

Health and Safety – as a staff, we have reviewed all of our 68 risk assessments. Keeping children safe in school is a high priority for staff and governors. We have very high quality systems in place but these still require frequent reviews to ensure that they remain effective.

Staff Changes

- Mrs Aitken, who is currently on maternity leave, will return to teach in Year 2 after Easter. My thanks go to Mrs Watkin who has taught the class on a Thursday and Friday during Mrs Aitken’s absence.

Clubs

Throughout the term the following clubs have been running:

Art and Crafts – Y2	Mr Beal and Miss Beasley
Basketball – Y3	New Saints Coach and Mr Beal
Choir – Y5, Y6	Mrs Haycocks and Mrs Houghton
Dance – Y4	Mrs Rayment
First Aid – Y6	Mrs Sear and Mr Reynolds
Football – Y1	New Saints Coach and Miss Lee
Football – Y2	New Saints Coach and Miss Lee
Football – Y4, Y5, Y6 Girls	New Saints Coach and Mrs Dugan
Football – Y3, Y4, Boys	New Saints Coach and Mrs Dugan
Football – Y5, Y6 Boys	Mr Jones
Hockey – Y4	New Saints Coach and Mr Beal
My Maths Homework Club	Miss Jewsbury and Mr Beal
Netball – Y5	Miss Beasley and Mrs Quan
Netball – Y6	Miss Beasley and Mrs Quan
Reflections Prayer Group – Y5, Y6	Mrs Shirra and Mrs Bowyer
Strumming Club (Ukulele) – Y5, Y6	Mrs Burgess
Tennis – Y5	Mr Creffield and Mrs Dugan
Tennis – Y6	Mr Creffield and Mrs Semple

Music

The following whole class instrumental lessons have been taking place:

Year 6 – Ukuleles

Year 5 – Ukuleles

Year 4 – Recorders

The following individual music lessons have been taking place in school:

- Strings
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Percussion

Visits out of school

- Reception children have visited Weston Park to explore historic toys.
- Year 1 have visited Attingham Park and the local area to support their work about homes.
- Year 2 have visited Liverpool to support their '1960s' history work and their geography focus.
- Year 2 have visited Theatre Severn for a tour of the theatre and back stage areas to support their English work.
- Year 3 have visited Shrewsbury to work with the museum service as 'rock detectives'.
- Year 4 have visited Cosford RAF museum to support their science work.
- Year 5 have visited the National Memorial Arboretum as part of their history work on the world wars.
- Year 5 have visited the World War II experience at Weston Park to support their study of this area.
- Year 6 have visited Green Acres Farm, near Shifnal, to support their geography study of farming.

Assemblies, Performances and Visitors to School

- **'The Wizard of Oz'** – The performance by Years 3, 4 and 5 was a great success, with fantastic singing and acting. This performance was of a very high standard and contained some wonderful dramatic and musical moments. Photos on the 'gallery' section of the website capture some of the exceptional quality of this event. Once again my thanks go to all involved for delivering a production of such quality.
- **'Young Voices'** – The choir, once again, took part in a major national music event called 'Young Voices' which was held at the LG Arena in Birmingham. This involved them performing as part of a huge, six thousand strong choir, to an audience of thousands!
- **Shrewsbury Bookfest** – Year 6 have been involved in the Shrewsbury Bookfest project. We were delighted to welcome Emma Carroll who is a very well-known national author to spend a morning with our Year 6 children.
- **World Book Day** – We celebrated the day with a 'dress as a book character' event. Both children and staff came wonderfully dressed for the event! Thank you for your help in providing such great costumes.
- **'Stepping Out'** – We were delighted that all our Year 3 pupils took part in a local authority initiative related to pedestrian safety. The project involved children being trained and then assessed on how to cross roads safely.
- **The Royal British Legion** – we were delighted to welcome representatives of the Royal British Legion to our whole school assembly. They presented us with a 'Certificate of Appreciation' for 25 years support of the poppy appeal.
- Rev. David has visited school each week to take assemblies.
- **Comic Relief** - our non-uniform day for Comic Relief raised £425 for the charity - thank you for your support.
- **Reading the Game** – Year 4 have enjoyed working on a project combining reading and football delivered by Neil Homer from Shrewsbury Town Football Club.
- **Blue Skies** - Year 5 enjoyed a morning working on enterprise skills with Mrs France from the Priory school.
- **Cricket Coach** – Year 5 have enjoyed working with a coach from Shrewsbury Cricket Club.
- **Shrewsbury Foodbank** – Karen Williams from the Shrewsbury Foodbank spoke to Year 2 about their work. Thank you for the donations of food from parents of Year 2 children which we delivered to the foodbank.

- **Stranger Danger** – Sue Davies from West Mercia Police talked to Year 2 about this issue.
- Mr McMichael spoke to Year 4 about the Jewish faith.
- Class assemblies have taken place for some Key Stage 1 classes; the remaining assemblies will take place next term.
- Year 6 Creative Writing Competition – All our Year 6 children were involved in a competition organised by Meole Brace Secondary School for local primary schools. Well done to everyone who took part and a special mention to:
 - Emily Williamson (Winner – writing – Black Beauty)
 - Emily Selley (2nd Runner Up – writing – Black Beauty)
 - Isabelle Capstick (Winner – illustration – Front Cover Design Competition)
 - Daniel Ward (1st Runner Up – illustration – Front Cover Design Competition)
 - Abigail Crundell (1st Runner Up – illustration – Front Cover Design Competition)
- **Kenyan Visitor** – unfortunately our planned visit of a Kenyan teacher, due to take place this week, was cancelled at the last minute due to a visa problem.

Sporting Achievements

U9 Girls Football County Plate – 1st Round

Oxon 0 – 3 Grange Park
 Oxon 0 – 0 Prees
 Oxon 0 – 4 Grange Park
 Oxon 0 – 1 Prees

U10 Girls Football County Cup – Final Round

Oxon 0 – 3 Grange Park
 Oxon 0 – 2 Redhill
 Oxon 0 – 1 Greenfields
 Oxon 0 – 1 Prees

A great achievement girls – getting to the last five in the county at this age group.

U10 Boys Football County Shield Final Round

Oxon 2 – 0 Oakmeadow 2
 Oxon 1 – 0 Whitchurch
 Oxon 0 – 0 Priorslee
 Oxon 1 – 0 Highley

Finished second in the group – through to the semi-final!

Semi-Final

Oxon 0 – 1 Greenfields

A narrow defeat with two well matched teams – just losing out on a place in a county final due to the strangest of goals is hard to take, but credit to the boys for getting to the last four in the county.

U10 Boys Shrewsbury and District Phil Lewis Trophy

Oxon 1 – 1 Belvidere
 Oxon 0 – 2 St George's

U11 Girls Prestfelde Netball Tournament

Oxon 0 – 1 Trinity
 Oxon 0 – 1 St George's
 Oxon 1 – 5 Prestfelde A
 Oxon 0 – 3 Prestfelde B

We finished in 5th place in the tournament with a few narrow defeats. The way the girls played and maintained their enthusiasm throughout was of great credit to them.

Inter House Yr5/6 Football Competition - Boys

Position	House	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Yellow	4	0	2	12
2	Blue	3	1	2	10
3	Green	2	1	3	7
4	Red	1	2	3	5

Shrewsbury and Central District Indoor Cricket Competition

- Oxon 64 – 52 Greenfields
- Oxon 62 – 56 Harlescott
- Oxon 83 – 70 Meole Brace
- Oxon 78 – 86 Highley

Oxon crowned as joint Shrewsbury and Central District Indoor Cricket Champions! The team coped admirably with being the defending champions and to win again this year is a magnificent achievement of which we are all very proud. We now get to represent the district at the forthcoming county finals - again!

Shrewsbury and Central District - Indoor Cricket County Finals

- Oxon 16 – 50 St Lawrence
- Oxon 38 – 46 Priorslee
- Oxon 48 – 40 Greenfields
- Oxon 48 – 45 St Laurence (Ludlow)
- Oxon 46 – 45 Lower Heath
- Oxon 26 – 27 Wrockwardine Wood
- Oxon 43 – 46 St George's (Telford)

Well done team for representing our school so well at the county finals. All but one of our games were really closely fought. Had we not lost two of our games by the narrowest of margins, then a top three finish would have been in our grasp- unlucky!

Cross Country – Shrewsbury High Prep

A fantastic running performance from our cross country team this year! A special mention to Frankie Herbert and Marley Al-Sadek for finishing in 3rd and 4th place respectively, in the individual race for boys. Both the boys and girls relay teams also scored well with the girls' team finishing in 8th position and the boys' finishing in 4th position. All members of the team played their part in securing an overall 3rd place finish – tremendous!

Summary

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those who have helped to support and encourage the school in so many different ways throughout the term. I will write to you early next term with information about the events that are planned for the summer term which starts on Monday 29th April.

I trust that you will have a good Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'M' and 'R'.

Mark Rogers